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in Leningrad MD

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1. Location

The plant was located on Pesochhnaya Street. For details see Annex.

2. Names

Plant Elektrik, Radio Plant and Institute.

3. According to statements made by Soviets, the plant consists of three parts, the Institute doing research work for the other two departments.

4. Machines

Eighty percent of the machines installed were dismantled German property.

5. Labor Force

3,000 to 4,000 Soviets. Error excepted.

6. Production

Told: Radio equipment for Army and Air Force.

Seen: Radio gear; among other types, a device very similar to the German Frankfurt gear.

7. German Specialists

Source had short talks with a German engineer and with a German professor who was working at the institute with his son and his daughter.

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Comment:

a. On the whole, the statements about the Elektrik electro-technic plant are considered credible; the location, however, does not seem quite accurate.

b. According to Mil. Geo. Plan of Leningrad, position (1) shown on the sketch is that of the Max Goltz Machine Factory, producing printing machines, concrete mixers, etc.; and position (3) indicating the location of Section 3 of the plant is that of a motorcar repair shop. Aerial views show that, late in 1942, the building shown as Section (Part) 2 did not exist.

The Elektrik Plant is located north of the position shown on the sketch, but not on Pesochaya Street. During the war, the plant was producing electric welding machines and electric accessories for airplanes.

The electrotechnical plant Leninskaya Iskra is located on Pesochaya Street, west of Pirov Street. It produced aircraft storage batteries during the war.

c. The positions of the two plants Elektrik and Leninskaya Iskra, as well as the reported position of the plant Elektrik, have been shown in Annex 2.

d. In the case of the radio device which has been compared with the ex-German Frankfurt Gear, it is the question of a ground radio measuring device similar to the AA fire control equipment.

2 Annexes: 1.) Plant for Signal Gear and Research
2.) Institute in Leningrad.

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